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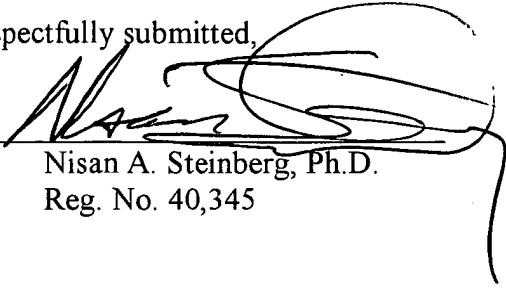
This is in Response to the Office Communication mailed February 5, 2003, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before March 5, 2003.

Applicant respectfully submits for the Examiner's review the items requested in order to comply with requirements for patent applications containing nucleotide sequence and/or amino acid sequence disclosures, *i.e.*, a computer readable form diskette to replace the one which has been damaged and/or unreadable. The computer readable form filed herewith and the paper copy filed October 24, 2002, are the same.

In view of the above submission, it is believed that this application is now ready for review by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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